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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims **1-35** are pending in the application.

Claims **28** and **29** have been allowed.

Claims **1-15, 19-21, 25-27** and **30-35** have been rejected.

Claims **16-18** and **22-24** have been objected to.

Claims **14, 17, 18, 20, 23 and 24** have been amended in this submission. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter,

Claims **16** and **22** have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making these cancellations without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 16-18 and 22-24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have therefore amended claims 14 and 20 to include the limitations of claims 16 and 22, respectively.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 19-21, 25-27 and 30-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Eltawil et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0142726) in view of Sourour (US Patent No. 6,810,070). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-13. Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 16; claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 22.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are not allowable or depend from allowable claims, and that the application is therefore in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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